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Navigation lights have been noticed every night since 3 April on the shore at Pei Chiao, Ting Hai, Chuan Shih and Huang Chi. (These points are located on a line beginning at the tip of the Pehling Peninsula opposite the Matsus and extend along the shore of the peninsula into the mouth of the Min River.)

Source Comment: It is believed that the Chinese Communists are taking advantage of the dark to move ships into the Lien and Min River areas.

S/TR Comment: There has been a general increase in Chinese Communist vessel activity in the Matsus area, and it is apparent that some of the vessels are engaged in supply movements. An increase in the logistic support of forces in the Foochow area would logically be reflected by sea movements, including night operations.

The rehabilitation of the Foochow airfield is undoubtedly dependent in part on water-borne supplies. An air photo of 4 April shows a new road from the east end of the field extending to a small river—a tributary of the Min River—where supplies and boats were located.

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